Tanzania to Host International Tourism Conference May, 2008

His Excellency President Jokaya Kikwete of Tanzania has agreed to be the host of the Eighth International Tourism Conference organized by the U.S.-based Leon H. Sullivan Foundation. The conference will be held in Arusha, Tanzania in May of 2008. President Kikwete, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation indicating Tanzania’s acceptance to host this prestigious conference. The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation was established in his memory following Leon Sullivan’s death in 2001 for his efforts to promote the development of Africa, facilitate debt cancellation and training of Africans. Since its establishment, it has enabled 18,000 participants worldwide to go to Africa with the aim of building a bridge between Africa and United States. Approximately 6000 participants from the United States and also from Africa are expected to attend the conference whose main topics will be tourism and infrastructure. Among the notables expected to attend is former President Bill Clinton of the U.S. Tanzanian Minister for Industry, Trade and Marketing, Nazir Karamagi will be discussing trade relations between Africa and the United States through the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA).

Tanzania Gains Seventh World Heritage Site

The Kondoa Rock Art Site in Tanzania has just been named as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) along with four other sites in Africa. This site will be the seventh World Heritage Site existing in Tanzania. The other sites are: Kilimanjaro National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara, Serengeti National Park, Selous Game Reserve and Stone Town, Zanzibar.
from hunter-gatherer to agro-pastoral socio-economic base of the unique testimony to the changing displays sequences that provide a view of more than 150 shelters over 2,336 years, over at least two millennia. The rift faults, whose vertical planes cut through the Great Rift Valley are natural rock shelters, overhanging slabs of sedimentary rocks fragmented by rock art, Marine experts say that “whale-shark” one of the number of the world’s threatened species found in Tanzania on the Indian Ocean. This new discovery increases the beautiful island of Mafia, off the coast of mainland Tanzania, including representatives of Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) and Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA). Special Guests from Tanzania were Ambassador Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Tanzania’s Permanent Representative to the UN, Peter Mwengu, Managing Director, TTB, Mr. Elvis Musiba, Chairman, NCAA, Mr. Bernard Murunya, Tourism Manager, NCAA, Col. E.S. Balele, Chairman, Board of Trustees, TANAPA, Mr. Gerald Bigurube, Director General, TANAPA, Mr. Joseph Kessy, Planning Manager, Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), Tanzania. Photo Credit Robert Eilets

Kondoa Rock Art Sites in Dodoma Region, on the eastern slopes of the Maasai escarpment bordering the Great Rift Valley are natural rock shelters, overhanging slabs of sedimentary rocks fragmented by rift faults, whose vertical planes have been used for rock paintings over at least two millennia. The spectacular collection of images from over 150 shelters over 2,336 km², many with high artistic value, displays sequences that provide a unique testimony to the changing socio-economic base of the area from hunter-gatherer to agro-pastoral...